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[The War Within: Part 1](#) – KDR

This is the first of a two-part series about the mental-health challenges facing many Oregon National Guard troops returning from their deployment in Iraq.

His experiences left him with PTSD. PTSD is defined as an anxiety disorder developed after exposure to one or more traumatic events that threatened or caused great physical harm. It's symptoms include anger, irritability, depression, apathy, guilt, poor judgment and sleep problems, lack of feelings and self medication with drugs and alcohol. Another is military sexual trauma, or MST, which is unwanted sexual attention, uninvited sexual advances or forced sex while in the military. Symptoms include disturbing memories, difficulty feeling safe, depression or anxiety, irritability and physical health problems.

[In US Navy, women to start submarine duty](#) – AFP

The US Navy's long-standing ban on women serving in submarines came to an end on Thursday, with commanders saying female officers would bolster the underwater fleet. The Navy said it would draw on its experience with women serving on warships, and ensure strict rules to prevent possible sexual assault. "We are already trained on sexual assault. We have very high standards in the Navy and in the submarine force. We will train on that again," he said.

[Battling PTSD: Major hopes sharing his story prompts others to seek help](#) – Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Dr. Patrick Armistead-Jehle, a clinical neuropsychologist at Munson Army Health Center, has not specifically treated Kranc, but has treated other Soldiers with PTSD. Health care providers at MAHC's Community Mental Health, currently located at Hoge Barracks, treat PTSD cases on an outpatient basis. Armistead-Jehle said patients don't have to experience a combat deployment to have PTSD symptoms. They can come from any traumatic event, such as a car accident or sexual assault. Armistead-Jehle said there are three categories for PTSD symptoms. The first is re-experiencing the traumatic event, such as having a nightmare or flashback. The second is avoidance or emotional detachment. The third set of symptoms are arousal, such as insomnia, being startled, hypervigilant or "snapping" at friends and family.

[Sailors Accused In Sex Assault Not Allowed Contact With Each Other](#) – News Channel 7

Benjamin Boyter and his co-defendants appeared in court Wednesday before Judge Susan Handy after being charged with sexually assaulting a 12 year old in early April. Boyter, of Woodruff, was accused of the assault in New London, Conn. The judge told Boyter and the co-defendants not to have any contact with the victim or the victim's family. Boyter, a sailor in the U.S. Navy, along with the other two men charged, was instructed not to have any contact with the co-defendants outside of work. The next court date in the case is set for May 21.

[Man convicted in rape given up to 20 years in prison](#) – Livingston Daily

A Hartland Township man convicted of raping a friend's mother in June 2008 does not deserve to go to prison, his attorney said Thursday. However, Livingston County Circuit Judge Michael P. Hatty disagreed and ordered Daniel Arthur Ring to serve 35 months to 20 years in prison for first-degree criminal sexual conduct for raping the 56-year-old woman when he took her home after she had fallen outside a local restaurant/bar. Ring asked Hatty for leniency, touting his military career with the U.S. Army and his volunteer work in the community as well as his participation in high school sports in which he earned varsity letters in wrestling and served as captain of the track team.

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[Army working to stop all sexual assault](#) – Army.mil

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Sexual assault is defined as rape, forcible sodomy, wrongful sexual contact and indecent assault as defined by Article 120 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. "Sexual assault is a problem in all communities," said Lisa Singleton, Reynolds Army Community Hospital OB/GYN head nurse and sexual assault nurse examiner. "It's not just at Fort Sill. It's everywhere. We have to be prepared and have awareness." Awareness is the key to prevention. "It's our objective to keep the public, Soldiers and their families, as aware as possible," said Sgt. Cedric Kizzee, unit victim advocate. "We want them to be aware of all of the resources available to them."

[Military News: 'Marine Corp Leadership is Stomping out Sexual Assault'](#) – Military News

Maj. Gen. Thomas L. Conant, the commanding general of 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, I Marine Expeditionary Force, and Col. Frank A. Richie, the commanding officer of Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, signed a proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month at the 3rd MAW Headquarters building here April 19. The proclamation states that 3rd MAW recognizes April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and how 3rd MAW will help prevent sexual assault.

[Alabama Guard Enforces Sexual Assault Awareness](#) – The Alabama Guard Press Release

The Alabama Guard issued a press release on sexual assault prevention as part of their sexual assault awareness month. The Alabama Guard's Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Rhonda McCrummen, "...shared the clothes line with the Soldiers of the 440th Theater Opening Element in Linden, Ala., during a sexual assault brief on April 25. She spoke with the Soldiers about the importance of leadership to be aware that it is a problem within the Alabama Guard and to put measures in place to prevent it from happening."

[Sexual assault impact is detrimental to Army family](#) – U.S. Army Press Release

CAMP VICTORY, BAGHDAD -- As the scene unfolded, an audience of about 400 United States Forces-Iraq servicemembers went silent. Two actors, Kyle Terry and Sharyon Culberson, using only two chairs as props, presented "Sex Signals," an improvised skit created by Catharsis Productions to discuss sexual assault with service members. They presented situations that are common to everyday life and illustrated how choices made by both parties and those around them can lead to sexual assault...The message was that sexual assault also affects more than the offender and the victim. In reality, it affects units, friends, family and the integrity of the military family.